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P. 439 — Capt James Hooks list of those here in 1831 :— "Matthew, W. H., James W., & Robt Stewart" also Alex McGregor

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P. 432 — Census of 1835 — lists "
Mat. Stewart 20 wh. males over 10 yrs.
4 " fem over 10
5 " males under 10

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P. 219 — 1828 land transaction :—
"Wm. Herrington to Mathew Stewart, Lot 70 June 2 ; "

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P. 526 — 1827 — Mathew Stewart one of 9 men who form joint stock co "to erect a bldg for worship & school" — NW cor of 5 & Walnut

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P. 473 — 1829 census
"Matthew Stewart 9 whole no.
6 males
2 females

P. 385 — Matthew Stewart named as abt 1826 old settler p.396 — Election of 1870" — — W. H. Stewart (Democrat) beat George Lee for sheriff, 394 votes;"

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p. 442 — W. H. Stewart sheriff in 1858.

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p. 394 — election of 1868 — Wm H. Stewart sheriff.

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p. 307 — Wm H. Stewart elect sheriff 1868

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p. 841 — biog sketch Frank McKeen — "Mr. McKeen was m. Nov. 11, 1880, to Miss Mary, dau of Alexander McGregor, who was an early settler & prop. of the noted McG. distillery, of this place — also con— in wholesale grocer bus in the city".

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ment of A. McG., p. 836, 484,

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p 861 — Helm founder McGregor distillery,

p. 934 - biog sketch Major Mathias Snook —
"m. in this co. in 1875, to Kate, dau. of James W. Stewart, & b. in T.H."

P. 555 — "Second Cavalry Regt — At the org of this regt John A. Bridland was col & Robt. R. Steward, lt col. The latter was made col. of the Eleventh Cavalry, & his bro, James W. Steward, became col of the Second Cavalry."

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p. 554 — Company I, First Cavalry, 28th Regt — Robt R. Steward, 1st capt; — — — This was 1 of 2 independent companies that ent the service, 1st for 1 yr, were accepted & mustered in, Apr 25, 1861, & in July foll were mustered for 3 yrs' service, under Capt R R Steward it left Indps. with the regt, July 4, 1861; bec the escort to Gen. Rosecrans in Western Va, then assigned to duty under Gen Fremont, & then to Gen Sigel on the Potomac; mustered out Aug, 1864. The command were in the Strasburg battle & the skirmishing that ended in the battle of Cross Keys; were at Cedar Mt with Pope's army & Manassas, & alone made the chge, crossing the river at

p. 466 — A. McGregor, iron & castings in newspaper 1833

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Alexander McGregor listed

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p. 240 - list of 1875 old settlers
"A. McGregor — res T.4. b. Scotland
age 66 res. in Wab. Val. 1833 — no occup.

Fredericksburg; they were on escort duty with Gen Howard & at Chancellorsville & Gettysburg; then to the Lower Potomac & joined the main army at White Hse, where they rem until June 1864 & were mustered out."

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p. 558 – "Co D, 126th Regt (11th Cavalry), org Sept 14, 1863; col, Robt R Stewart; ... ———"

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p. 617 cem GAR Morton Post No. 1 —— "——— 400 are bur in cem abt TH; among others Maj-Gen Cruft, Col Robt R Stewart, Maj. James Stewart, Capt John Blinn"

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p. 616 – cem G.A.R. Centerville, Gen Cruft Post No. 284 org Jan 23, 1884 list charter members: The officers were; ——— Wm Stewart, S.M." ——

"The post has erected a monument in Stephen's Grove on which is engraved comrade's names 6 of whom are bur. there".

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Births & Deaths of the Stewart family -

Eliz Smith Born Feby 5th 1798

W H Stewart Born 29 Aug 1819

Mary J Stewart Born Dec 14, 1821

J W Stewart Born Dec 17, 1823

Thos S, Stewart Born Dec 8 1825
Thos, S, Stewart Departed this Life Sept 9 1828

Robt Reed (?) Stewart Born Nov 14 1827

Wallace Ray Stewart Born Feby 4, 1830

Jos. E Stewart Born Sept, 17, 1832

Matthew Stewart Departed this Life on Tuesday May 13 1845 aged 61 yrs 11 mos & 10 days

X X

Lamancha -
12 mi. no. of Ockland ?

Oct 23, 1846

Matthew Steward Bx59 Alex McG. guardian
, James W. " 62

Mathew Stewart b.
bur. Woodlawn d. May 13, 1845 (ae 61 yrs)
m.
Eliz ( ) Stewart b.
d.

Child - 1 Col. Wm. H. Stewart b. Aug 29, 1819 Louisville Ky.
came to T.H. 1829 from Parke Co.
d. June 14, 1895

gr. f. 2 Col. Robt. R. Stewart b.
bur. Woodlawn d. Jan. 1, 1873

Dec 15 1890 settled Sept 1894 Bx227
3 Col. James W. Stewart b.
bur. Woodlawn d.

4 Mary Jane Stewart b.
d. Nov 13, 1866
m.
Alexander McGregor

1877 Plat Maps

Woodlawn Cem

A. G.	D26	S1	L11
Steward, Eliz	D23	S6	L13
——— J.	D38	S3B	L7
———, Mathew	D47	S27	L12
———, Sam	D26	S5	L9
———, W.H.	D48	S4	L7

McG.

Oakey P. 303

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"Copy abt RR

Steward was Dem etc

Seventh: I further will & direct that my bel son Wm S who now owes me the sum of 500 $ shall pay to ea of my other aforesd heirs whatever amt owed be the equal distribu share of ea of them in sd sum [illegible] of 500 $ & that he retain the remainder thereof as part of his distrib share of my estate -

8th: I furth will & direct that as my sd sev bel chil shall bec of age, & shall be entitled to demand their distrib share of my estate that my executors shall pay the same

Probate order bk No 3 page 332

Will made Mar 24 1849 (?)

May 26 1845 R W Thompson presnt will for probate at Co Clk off.

Therefore, in obedience to the foregoing rec. of the Chief Magistrate of the Nation, I, Wm H Stewart, Mayor of the City of T. H. urge upon all citizens that the day so set apart for fasting and prayer may be generally & strictly observed.

That all places of trade & bus be closed— & that all the people devote the day to solemn reflection and religious devotions

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & official seal this 27th day of April 1863.

— seal

W H Stewart
Mayor

X X

Condit —, P 49, 75, 92

P 49 – C, Rose reminis – 1818 – Mrs. Stewart kept a b'ding hse.

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✓ P. 75 – 1819 – "Stewart Hse with 'Matthew Stewart as prop.'"

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✓ P. 92 – 1827 Old brick sch hse histo bio

Beckwith —

W. H. Stewart P 503 —

McGregor 250, 258, 180, 208

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P. 180 biog sketch of A. McG.

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P 208 – Ment of

P. 250 "

P 258 "

✓ P. 503 – W H Stewart, farmer, Heckland
was b in Carroll Co, Ind in 1819 & came
with his parents to Parke Co, Ind 1826 &
in 1829 removed to T H, Vigo Co. where his
parents resided until their deaths

cont. —

To the credit of the citizens of Vigo Co, he faithfully filled some of the offices of trust. He was 1st elected constable & marshal, & in 1856 was elected sheriff. He was re-elected in 1858, & in 1862 was elected again marshal, & was reelected sheriff again in 1868 & again in 1870. By his attention to bus he has gained the good will of the cit of Vigo Co & should he come up for any office in the future, would have no trouble in being elected. His wife, Julia King, is the dau of J T King, 1 of the pioneers of the co. Mr. Stewart is a member of the order of A F & A M & his pol views are Democratic."

V57 - p 85 W H Stewart Otter Crk Twp res.

V57 - p115 Robt R Stewart, Col. 11th Ind. Cav. gave portrait in dome of Mem Hall.

V57 - p164 Drummer Davis lived with son in law Stewart in Fayette Twp. aft. War of 1812

V58 - p129 Stewart's Hotel (n w cor 2nd & Wabash) before 1858 Early gas bk
of Geo. Scott.

V58 - 162 rev Prize of $200. to person who came greatest distance to attend 1904 street fair - Winner Mrs Wella Stewart Scott who had come from England. Her father was Wm H Stewart, former sheriff & mayor of T H & the man responsible for Stewart's subdivision in SE sec of cit. Her grf came here in early 1830's & estbl Stewart Hse at n w cor of 2nd & Wab. Aft her 1st husb d she m Dr Scott of Pittsburgh who later decided to go back to his home in England taking his wife with him.

V58 p202 — Dec 23, 1869 — Sheriff Stewart
exec. Thomas — gallows 3 & Walnut.
1st d sentence under provisions in TH
orders in case of murderer of John Petrie Convicted
murderer Morgan was 1st legally hanged
prisoner — also last — due to new state law
V60 — p70 — Imp fires in city
1841 — Stewart Hse.

Marriage record

Steward, Matthew
m - Leonah Roberts
Apr. 3, 1844 by Justice
of Peace E. W. Morris

Stewart, James
m Catharine Wright
July, 20, 1848. by Just
of Peace L. A. Brunnell

Stewart, Wallace.
m. Martha J. Sasseen
July 10, 1848 preacher
J. P. Smith

Stewart, Wm H.
m. Julia King
Sept. 29, 1845 by M. A.
Jewell

Marriage license
from Court House
Stewart, Mary Jane
m. Alex McGregor
Dec. 21. 1842. by
M. A. Jewett, preacher

From Official career
of Wm. H. Stewart
b. Louisville Ky.
Aug. 29, 1819. Came w
parents to Oakla Co,
Ind. in 1826 & to T. H.
in 1829.
His father kept the
Stewart House 1/2
block n. of Wabash
on 2d St.
He married Julia King
d of John F. King
Sept. 29, 1845
She died Oct ?
Stewart, Wm H d Je 14,
1895
Wm. H. Stewart had 6 child-
ren - Frank, William over

Mrs Hattie R. Markle,
Mrs Mary S. Tyler,
Mrs Cora S. Cummings,
Miss Bessie Stewart
Mrs Della S. Glover

Frank, Wm & Bessie died

Cemetery Records
by Marple
b. prior to 1830

Stewart, Matthew
d May 13, 1845
aged 61 yrs
buried in Woodlawn
Cemetery

Stewart C. P. buried
in Woodlawn
wife Sarah P. b. Nov.
9, 1829 d Oct. 18, 1885

Records from Woodlawn
1844 - 1885
Stewart Elizabeth B.
owned lot. Purchased
Feb. 9/1884

INDIANA ROOM

Lydia Malinda Earl The Elms Attica Ind.
LME

GEN.

Rev Jos Hull (1594-1665) to Boston 1635 m. Joanne & Agnes
Benjamin 1639-1713 m 1668 Rachel York (Richard² Richard¹
Benjamin 1680-1732 m 1704 Sarah Drake (1683-1758) dau Rev. John
Joseph (1706-68) m. 1730 Susanna Stelle (1710-) dau of Rev. (Benj and Mercy Drake she dau of Capt George)
Isaac (1731-p1808) R.S. m Anne Dunham
Isaac (1763 p 1799) R.S. m. 1776 Massie Vaughn dau of Abner & Massie Mount.
Patience (1776-1852) m 1796 Robert Adams (1769-1817) son of Elisha & Margaret McClure
Mary Baird Adams (1797-1866) m 1816 James Earl 1795-1859 ~~[illegible]~~ of 12 son of Thomas (1762-1844) & Rhoda
ELIJAH (1828-95) m 1856 Salome Catherine Crouse (1836-1922)
LYDIA MALINDA (May 31, 1874-)
Edward Fuller bef 1575-1621) Mayflower Signer m Anne (d 162)
Samuel (1615-1683) m Jane Lothrop dau of Rev John.
Hannah (1636-85) m 1658 Nicholas Bonham d 1684 son of George
Mary Bonham (1661-1742) m 1681 Rev Edw Dunham (1661-1739) son of Benajah & Elizabeth dau of Edmund Tilson
Benajah Dunham (1684-1742) m 1704 Dorothy Martin (1686-p 1742) dau of John & Dorothy Smith
John (1705-40) m Mercy Drake dau of Joseph & Anne (Pratt
Anne (1734-1825) m 1751 ~~[illegible]~~ Isaac Hull

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Gilbert [illegible]
James Harrison here Jl 9
1817, Sept. 1818
Matthew 1830
Abraham, 1835

Matthew Stewart must have
had must have had 2 wives

a name in marriage records
is: Hannah Roberts

Beckwith - Hist of Vigo & Parke p. 88 lists
Matthew Stewart a bricklayer at time
T.H. incorporated 1832

Beckwith - Darke Co. Sect p. 56
"In 1829 the commissioners let the
contract for a new court-house
to Matthew Stewart against much
opposition." Brick court house built
in 1832 & stood till 1877

Bradsby gives a p. 945
Stewart, James A : farmer in Nevins township, P.O. Fontanet. owned 80 acres in high state of cultivation b. in T.H. Jan 22, 1850 son of James & Caledonia Stewart. always lived on farm. Married in Vigo Co. to Samantha A. d. of Edward T & Mary Jones. Children: Thaddeus D., Tony E. & Herman. member of F.M.B.A. Democrat - family prominent

Stewart Family

Soloman Stewart
age 16 Greene Co p 543
age 26 Shelby Co p 871
alread m. to
Lydia, age 24, with children
Nathaniel 7, Nancy 5,
Louisa 2, Emma 1

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VCPL RESEARCH REPORT FOR Greene County

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Steward : Soloman
in response to your request of 9-19-95.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find ______ Found ______

2. Surname File:
Did not find ______ Found ______

[✓ 3.] County Histories:
Did not find ______ Found Early History of Greene County by "Uncle" Jack Baber - No Steward; Stewart - no Soloman, Vestie p 56 + William p62
(over)

[✓ 4.] Marriage Records:
Did not find ______ Found WPA Index to Greene County Marriages 1821-1920 - Stewart, Soloman + Sarinda A. Lurley 15 March 1863 Bk G p 277; Stewart, Molly + David Stukey 21 Nov 1850 Bk E p 217
(over)

[✓ 5.] Cemetery Records:
Did not find ______ Found Cemeteries of Western Greene County vol 1 p 8 Holder Cemetery - Steward, Soloman C. 10 Dec 1843 - 1935; Marry E. 18 Feb. 1869 - 1 Oct 1871; Amanda 18 Feb. 1865 - 10 Jan 1871; Kery C. 20 Jan 1873 - 3 Aug 1874; Perry B. 17 June 1887 - 18 July 1887 (over)

6. Land Records:
Did not find ______ Found ______

[✓ 7.] Census Index for the year(s) 1860 + 1850
Did not find ______ Found Every Name Index 1860 Indiana Census
Stewart, Soloman - age 16 - Greene Co p 543
" " age 26 Shelby Co p 871

(over)

The Shelby Co. Soloman had a wife Lydia, 24, + children Nathaniel, 7; Nancy, 5; Louisa, 2, + Emma, 1

[✓ 8.] Other: (also check other side)
Greene County, Indiana, Abstracts of Wills 1825-1904 - No Steward; Stewart, Charles G. p81, David p30, George W. p152, Lena p3, Walter p116 - All were executors, witnesses, beneficiaries, etc.
Early Settlers of Greene County, Indiana, from Southern States p21 Alexander Stewart b.c 1796 VA, settled in Jefferson Twp. 17 children, probable brother William b. c 1805 VA settled in nearby Smith Twp.

#3. Goodspeed's 1884 History of Greene + Sullivan Counties –
Steward, Vasta p 207
No Soloman Stewart; Other Stewarts – A. J., David, Florence, Hugh, Pastor I., James, Joseph, J. R., Lafayette, L. A., Robert, Valentine + Zachariah

History of Greene County, Indiana, 1885–1989 – No Soloman Steward; Other Stewards – Ashley, Buck, Jane, Jeanne, Jeffery, Josephine, Julie, Marilyn, Mary "Polly", Matthew, Mrs. Michael, Mike, Paul, Ross, Sarah
Many Stewarts

#4. Greene County, Indiana, Early Marriage Records 1821–1844 –
Stewart, Charles + Elizabeth Stewart 6 April 1835 (license)
Stewart, Charles + Nelly Ellsworth 15 Nov 1838

Greene County, Indiana, Early Marriage Records 1845 – 1852
Stukey, David + Nelly Stewart 21 Nov 1850

#5. Steward, Sirand A. 25 April 1890 age 45y 1m 2d
p 174 David Stuckey + several other Stuckeys
No Charles or Nelly in vols 1, 2 or 3
No Charles or Nelly in Cemeteries of Eastern Greene Co.

#7 Smith Twp., Greene Co. Ind. 26 July 1860 p 543 – Very faint
81/831 David Stuckey – 63 – Farmer – KY
Nellie? " 57? "
Morton " 16 Ind
R? 14 (female) "
Amanda 15 "
Henry Steward 16 "
John " 13 "
818/832 Bartholomew Stewart 20 "
Soloman " 16 "

Smith Twp., Greene Co. Ind 9 Sept 1850 p 397
48/600 Bartholomew Ellenworth – 35 – Farmer – KY
Julia A. " 23 Ind
47/601 Eleanor Stewart – 35 KY
Bartholomew " 10 Ind
Maria " 8 "
Nancy " 7 "
Soloman " 6 "
John R. " 4 "
David " 5 "
A 64 year old Bartholomew Ellenworth on p 396

Col.WHS b. Aug.29,1819 Louisville,Ky....to Parke Co. in 1826 with parents & to TH...
came to Vigo 1829 ..Father kept Stewart House ½ blk no of Main & now (1895) used as livery stable...
d. June 14, 1895

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obit June 20,1895

m. Sept.23,1845 Julia King dau of John F.King, Mrs.S d. Oct.1894

Had 7 chil: Frank, Wm., Mrs.Kate R.Markle, Mrs. Mary S. Tyler, Mrs. Cora S.Cummings, Miss Bessie Stewart and Mrs.Della S.Glover (underlined d dur 1885-1895)

Col.S. oldest of 6 chil: 5 sons & 1 dau...Mrs.Alex McGregor was his only sister. His bros were: James, Robert, Joseph & Wallace in order of their ages...all dec 1895..(Wallace perished in Mountain Meadow massacre.)

Sept. 11, 1857 ~~Utah~~

So. Calif. —— emigrants

? Mormons

M Reg //

Wm H. Stewart m. Sept 23, 1845 - Julia King

James Steward m. — —

Robert Steward m. — —

Joseph Steward m. — —

Wallace Steward m. — —

~~Wm. H. Stew~~

~~Mary Jane~~ Steward m. — - Alex McGregor

[redacted]

Wm.H.Stewart elected sheriff Vigo Co 1856 - spec election Nov.19,1860 elected mayor to fill unexpired term of Chambers Y.Patterson who had resigned to bec Circuit Ct judge

(brevet-colonel in war)

May 1861 re-el (election held ev yr in May) served til May 9,1863

Oct.1868 rec most votes for sheriff against Nicholas Filbeck who contested el but NG

Col.WmH.S. again el sheriff 1870

1st record of City of TH (bk covers to 1860) made June 6,1853

Record 1 page 1 election of total 752 - Wm.H.Edwards(1st mayor& legal adviser to C.Rose) recd 573; B.M.Harrison recd 179

WHS visited Engl and Irel wh yg man ae 18 & was in London at time of coronation of Queen Vict & was present at ceremony. At 1 time WHS offered prop of THHse by CR but instead bought farm 10 mi no. of TH - then owned by Mrs.S's father.

Old Stewart House orig owned and op by Mr.Matthew Stewart and aft his d by WHS and mother...yet standing(1924) on No.2nd st & occup by TH Iron & Metal Co....No.10 No.2nd...This hotel was loc on In-Lot No.174 of orig town

Mr. Stewart's sister, Mary Stewart, was the first wife of Alexander McGregor, who owned the property between Fifth and Sixth Streets and Chestnut and Sycamore Streets, and after their marriage they lived on this property for a number of years and until the erection of the mansion known as the Mcgregor place. Such property was finally subdivided and sold by the heirs of Alexander Mcgregor, until the last piece remaining in the family, being about 120 feet fronting on Sixth Street, passed into the hands of Mrs. McGregor's niece, and daughter of William H. Stewart, Mrs. Della Stewart Scott, who during the summer of 1924 leased the property by a 99 year lease, the lessees erecting thereon an apartment house, which at the request of Mrs. Scott is named in honor of her aunt, Mary Stewart McGregor, the "Mary Stewart Apartment".

INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF WILLIAM H. STEWART

When a young man, Mr. Stewart visited England, and was in London at the time of the coronation ceremonies at the coronation of Queen Victoria and was personally present.

Mr. Stewart was at one time offered the property of the Terre Haute House by Chauncey Rose, but instead of buying this property, he purchased a farm about ten miles north of Terre Haute, which was then owned by Mrs. Stewart's father, and Mr. Stewart lived here most of the time while not in office, but when in office, he lived in Terre Haute.

A portion of the old jail kept by Mr. Stewart is now, (October, 1924) being demolished to make way for an oil filling station by the Indian Refining Company.

The old Stewart House, originally owned and operated by Mr. Stewart's father, and afterwards by William H. Stewart and his mother, is yet standing on North Second Street and is occupied by The Terre Haute Iron & Metal Co., dealers in waste material, and the place is known as No. 10 North Second Street. This hotel was located on In-Lot 174 of the original town, now City of Terre Haute, Indiana.

INDIANA ROOM
PAMPHLET FILE

COLONEL WILLIAM H. STEWART

Born	Came to Vigo County	Died
August 29, 1819	1829	June 14, 1895

Col. William H. Stewart, subject of this sketch, was one of the prominent citizens of Vigo County from 1835 until the time of his death in 1895. His record is well told in the obituary notice, published in the Terre Haute Weekly Gazette of June 20, 1895, such article being copied from the Terre Haute Daily Gazette of Friday, June 14, 1895. Such obituary notice reads as follows:

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"At 1:30 p. m. today Wm. H. Stewart, ex-sheriff of Vigo County, died at his residence on South Seventh Street after a long and wasting sickness.

Col. Wm. H. Stewart was born in Louisville, Ky., August 29, 1819. He came with his parents to Parke County, Ind., in 1826 and to Terre Haute in 1829. His father kept the Stewart House, which still stands about half a block north of Main Street on Second Street and is now used as a livery stable. It was the hotel of the city at that time and many notable person found entertainment there. After his father's death, the deceased and his mother conducted the hotel for a number of years.

Sept. 23, 1845, the deceased was married to Julia King, daughter of John F. King, one of the prominent merchants of Terre Haute in the early days. Mrs. Stewart died in October of last year. They has seven children: Frank, William, Mrs. Kate R. Markle, Mrs. Mary S. Tyler, Mrs. Cora S. Cummings, Miss Bessie Stewart and Mrs. Della S. Glover. Frank, William and Bessie died during the last ten years.

Col. Stewart was the eldest of six children, five sons and one daughter. The late Mrs. Alexander McGregor, who died a number of years ago, was his only sister. His brothers, were James, Robert, Joseph and Wallace in the order of their ages. They are all deceased. Wallace is supposed to have perished in the Mountain Meadow Massacre.

When he was about eighteen years of age, young Stewart made a voyage to England and Ireland, and was there when Victoria was crowned. He returned to Terre Haute after a few months absence. At an early age he developed a talant for leadership and soon became a very important factor in local politics. It is safe to say that no man held a firmer grip upon the good will and esteem of the people that the subject of this sketch. For about twenty years prior to his retirement to private life he was invincible as a candidate and usually had votes to spare to help his friends who might need "votes to trade."

After holding minor offices he was elected sheriff in 1856. After this he was twice mayor of the city and in 1866 was re-elected sheriff and again in 1870. All told he served about twenty years in official life, and not a word has ever been spoken against his official record. During the war he was made a brevet colonel.

His private life was irreproachable as his public life in all his transactions he was careful to do more than right rather than take any chance of doing less than right. He had a personal magnetism about him which bound people to him "with hooks of steel." And though he was quiet and almost retiring in disposition, he had a courage that knew no fear and a power over men which enabled him to handle the most desperate characters without resort to force.

When Morgan. who was afterwards executed, was confined in the old jail on Third Street, for the murder of Petri, an attempt was made to mob him, but Col. Stewart foiled it and kept the mob at bay almost single handed. He guarded the entrance doubly armed and gave warning that every man who crossed the threshold would be a dead man. The mob was wild for revenge, but they knew that in that frail, slender man who stood at his post of duty, there was "something dangerous, which their wisdom better would avoid," and they avoided it. Had a less fearless, determined man been there, the mob would have carried out its purpose.

During the last sixteen or eighteen years Col. Stewart and his family have lived at his country place, ten miles north east of the city, until about two years ago, when he returned to the city with such members of his family as still remain with him. He had been in delicate health for several years, and early in January took his bed, where he remained, through a lingering illness, until death relieved him.

He had often expressed a wish that he might die suddenly, but his last illness was unusually long and very painful. In spite of his suffering his mind was clear to the last. In his death Vigo County loses one of her most highly esteemed citizens and hundreds who knew him will feel that the loss is a personal one."

At the next council meeting after the death of Mr. Stewart, Mayor Fred A. Ross, then mayor of the City of Terre Haute, formerly announced to the Coundil assembled, the fact of the passing of the former mayor. The pall bearers named in the resolutions of the said Council were the Honorable James C. Kolsem, the Honorable Frank Konaldson, the Honorable Henry M. Griswold, ex-mayors of the City of Terre Haute and the Honorable Fred A. Ross, then mayor of the City of Terre Haute.

Examination of the records of real estate title in Vigo County shows that the subject of this sketch, Colonel William H. Stewart, dealt quite freely in real estate for his own personal profit. He at one time purchased of M. S. Durham, in 1861, the undivided one-half in the property now occupied by the Fairbanks Memorial Home for Aged Women at Seventh St. and Eighth Avenue, and on which was located a portion of the frame house now standing on the west end of the property. July 22, 1864 Judge John T. Scott purchased of M. S. Durham the other undivided one-half in such property. This tract, when owned by Mr. Stewart and Mr. Scott, extended from Seventh Street to La Fayette Avenue and from the center of what is now Eighth Avenue to the south line of the last named pro-operty. In November, 1854, after it was purchased by Mr. Scott, they divided the same between them, Mr. Scott taking the west end which had the house upon it, and Mr. Stewart taking the east end, the dividing line being about the center of what is now eighth street.

The deed dividing the property between the two is a little different from other deeds of this time and apparently of that time, in this, that the partition deed is all one instrument and sets out which each party is to hold as his own and free from the rights of the other, and each conveying to the other, and this instrument is signed by both of the parties and their wives.

Colonel William H. Stewart also owned at one time the property on which is now located the Union Hospital and this is where he lived at the time it was desired to elect him mayor of Terre Haute, but at this time the property was outside of the city limits, and in order to make Mr. Stewart a resident of Terre Haute, the City Council passed an ordinance taking into the city just that plat of ground between Sixth and Seventh Streets and south of the line known as Hancook Street, and this is where the boundry line of the City of Terre Haute was located for many years in that section of Terre Haute. He purchased this property from William B. Tuell and John P. Usher August 29, 1856. Mr. Stewart sold this property December 5, 1861 to Captain William Barrick, who was at that time captain of a steamboat operating on the Wabash River and sometime the Mississippi River to New Orleans.

Colonel William H. Stewart was the sheriff of Vigo County at the time Oliver A. Morgan was tried and condemned to be hung for the murder of John Petri, and it became his official duty to carry out the judgment of the court and execute Morgan by hanging. This was the last legal execution in Vigo County. After this, the law was changed so that all legal executions were ordered to take place within the walls of the state penetentiary at Jeffersonville, and later at Michigan City, Ind. There were many stories told of incidents that happened during the confinement and preparation for the execution of Morgan. The jail at that time was on South Third Street, at the corner of Third and Walnut Streets, and was provided with apartments for the sheriff and his family. While Morgan was confined there, awaiting his execution, there was a jail delivery and nearly all of the prisoners escaped, but Morgan refused to run, and when asked by the sheriff why he did not escape with the other prisoners, he said, "I would rather be hanged by a gentleman like you than be killed by a mob." as he beliveded he would be killed if he went outside of the jail.

Legal executions at that time were public affairs and the scaffold was usually built within the yard of the jail but at this time the sheriff erected the scaffold in the street, and to this some of the citizens objected and stated their objection to the sheriff and demanded that the former custom of law be complied with-that the scaffold be built within the jail yard. This the sheriff refused to do, for the reason that his family lived in the jail and he would not put them to the horror of seeing the scaffold erected right in their view for the next two or three days before the execution took place. The sheriff was threatened with mandamus proceedings in the court, and retorted that he hoped he would be mandated, for if he was that would give him some excuse to resign his office, which he would do immediately if the court mandated him to erect the scaffold in the jail yard. Mr. Stewart personally believed that Morgan should not be hung and he and the attorney for the prosecution, among whom was Daniel W. Vorhees, afterwards United States senator, had many warm controversies over the question of justice of carrying out such order of execution.

Mr. Stewart's sister, Mary Stewart, was the first wife of Alexander McGregor, who owned the property between Fifth and Sixth Streets and Chestnut and Sycamore Streets, and after their marriage they lived on this property for a number of years and until the erection of the mansion known as the McGregor place. Such property was finally subdivided and sold by the heirs of Alexander McGregor, until the last piece remaining in the family, being about 120 feet fronting on Sixth Street, passed into the hands of Mrs. McGregor's niece, and daughter of William H. Stewart, Mrs. Della Stewart Scott, who during the summer of 1924 leased the property by a 99 year lease, the lessees erecting thereon an apartment house, which at the request of Mrs. Scott is named in honor of her aunt, Mary Stewart McGregor, the "Mary Stewart Apartment."

PAMPHLET FILE

OFFICIAL CAREER OF WILLIAM H. STEWART

INDIANA ROOM

William H. Stewart was elected sheriff of Vigo County in 1856 and his official bond was fixed at $5000 and was approved by the county commissioners in November 1856. The sureties on his bond were A. McGregor, W. R. McKeen and James Tolbert.-(See Commissioners' record 5 page 424.)

At a special election November 19, 1860, William H. Stewart was elected mayor of the City of Terre Haute to fill out the unexpired term of Chambers Y. Patterson, who had resigned to take up the duties of judge of the Circuit Court.-(See City Record No. 1, page 496.)

The following year, May, 1861, William H. Stewart was again elected mayor, this being the regular election. It seems from the election returns that a city election was held every year in May and that Mr. Stewart served as mayor until May 9th, 1863.-(See record No. 2, page 101.)

At the general election in October 1868, the election of county and city officers at that time being in October instead of November, William H. Stewart received the highest number of votes for sheriff of Vigo County. His opponent Nicholas Filbeck, filed contest proceedings, against Mr. Stewart, contesting the election. This contest proceedings was before the county commissioners. The county commissioners were called to hear this contest case, the call being sent out October 26, 1868. (See the Commissioners' record 8, page 140.) The contestor, Nicholas Filbeck, was represented by Col. Richard W. Thompson, __________ and __________ __________, and William H. Stewart was represented by Daniel W. Vorhees, William Mack and James Q. Allen. The finding and judgement of the county commissioners was in favor of Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Filbeck took an appeal of the case to the Circuit Court which appeal was apparently never completed.

Col. William H. Stewart was again elected sheriff in 1870, his bond for sheriff being approved Dec. 8, 1870.-(See Commissioners' record 8, page 472.)

In looking up this record of Mr. Stewart, it took the investigator back into the first records of the City of Terre Haute, and the investigation showed that the first record of the City of Terre Haute was made on June 6, 1853, Record 1, Page 1. The first entry is a report of the first election of officers for the City of Terre Haute and recites that the election returns or count of the votes showed that William K. Edwards had been elected mayor. Such report recites that the total vot cast at such election was 752; that William H. Edwards received for mayor 573 of the votes and B. M. Harrison received 179. The votes cast for the other officers of the city are duly set out, and the whole election return is recorded. It is interesting to note that this first volume or record book of the city covers a period from June 6, 1853 to______________1860. This William K. Edwards, the first mayor of Terre Haute, was the legal advisor and attorney in fact for Chauncey Rose, the donor of the various Rose funds in Terre Haute.